

Stenographic Report  
of the Debate at  
Urbana, Ill., Aug.  
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MR. HARVEY OPENS THE DEBATE.

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THE ACT OF 1878.

MAJORITY READY TO VOTE FOR M'KINLEY

A. F. Judson of Colton, Cal., who has

for nineteen years been an operator of gold and silver mines in southern California, is in the city. He is a tall, good-looking man, who has lived in California since 1866. Mr. Judson was met at his hotel by a Bee reporter, and when asked about

"I am surprised that the democratic party under the leadership of Mr. Bryan has the audacity to claim that California is ready to fall into line for the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

"California democrats insist that the populists have fused with them, and resent the assertion that they have fused with the populists. The tumult and excitement that followed Bryan's Chicago speech are subsiding fast. California will give a

larger republican majority this fall than any party has had in the state for fifteen years.

"Since the issue has narrowed itself down to a question of finance, it behooves every man to vote his convictions. A man who believes as I do, that the salvation of the country depends upon a sound money basis,

would be a traitor to his country, imprudent to his family, and recreant to his duties as a citizen, if he did not vote the sound money ticket. The same is true of every honest free silver citizen, and there are thousands of honest ones.

"Why should the American people vote to

"Yes, and it is the patriotic duty of every

Yes, and it is the patriotic duty of every American citizen, so far as he has the power in himself or influence upon others, to work steadily and earnestly for the restoration of confidence; confidence that will loosen the heaps of shining gold from the crypts of the safe deposit vaults; confidence that will kindle the fires in cold furnaces and set the

wheels whirling in the factories of the land; confidence that will warrant capital in engaging in new enterprises that will make the marts of trade buzz with business and bring glad tidings to the hearts of our discouraged countrymen; confidence that will send the shining plows through the loam

of the farms and the reapers singing as they toil on the rolling slopes of the prairie lands; confidence that will flock the seams with our merchantmen and send the shifting shuttles of commerce flying along the shining rails that belt the land with steel; confidence that will assure the wage-earner his

"Mr. Judson, you live near the borderland of Mexico; is that country enjoying the prosperity as asserted, owing to the fact that it is on a silver basis?"

"There are people who insist that Mexico is prosperous, and they attribute it to the fact that the financial system of the country is on a silver basis. People who have been across the border and suffered at the hands of the money changers over the difference in the value of money are too familiar

with the system in the southern republic to be persuaded of its prosperity. I find here in the east that the democratic party is trying to make an issue of the alleged prosperity of Mexico. The fact is, Mexico is on the same basis we were on during the war—a gold basis with gold out of circula-

tion. If there is any sense in the words basis and standard they mean a regulator of values, or measures of commodities. If congress should make the copper cent the standard and give it full legal powers it would not change our situation in the slightest. If the face value of the circulation makes the basis, then we are on a paper

makes the basis, then we are on a paper basis. In no way are we on a gold basis except by being subject to its sway as the regulator of all prices. In this way it would regulate in Mexico the prices of all imported goods and all domestic goods of the same lines. The price of an article made in Mexico is the price of the foreign

made in Mexico at the price of the foreign article in gold plus the duty, plus the premium paid for insurance against fluctuations on exchange. The money you hear of being made in mining and manufacturing is made in catching in Mexican money the difference between gold and silver values, the insurance against exchange fluctuations,

varying from 5 to 15 per cent. When you cross the border into Mexico you find almost everything in the stores listed in "moneda Americana," and along the whole border everything is measured by American money.

DIFFERENCE IN DOLLARS.

"Any one of our dollars will buy twice as

much in Mexico, including labor, as one of its own. If, then, our fiat can raise silver to 16 to 1, then we have either reduced by one-half the purchasing power of our dollar in Mexico, or doubled the value of the Mexican dollar. If the latter, then, by adopting free and unlimited coinage of silver in our country, we will double the ability of Mexico

"We would be relieved from a great part of our depression if we had the same proportion of debt as Mexico has."

of people, contented to live within their means, and as many who will keep their word as do these poor peons of Mexico, when they promise to work out a debt. We can take lessons in national honor from a country that is paying interest on a debt more than seventy years old, which has been

"I am in favor of free coinage of American silver when it can be brought about by an international agreement which would place the financial interest of our country on a safe basis, and to this end the republican party is committed, and it is to the interest

party is committed, and it is to the interest of every laboring man, mechanic, farmer and business men alike to vote with the party of protection to American industries. We cannot forget the past four years of democratic administration.

"Can I forget the ragged forms and the hopeless faces of the hundreds of men who

have knocked at my back door begging for food in the last four years; can I forget the child beggars, the weeping mothers, the hopeless men standing on the street corners waiting for employment, and vote into power a party that turned a deaf ear when thousands of men were starving in idleness?

"We have various interests in the west as they have east that will only be protected in and through the republican party. The western states and territories will not jeopardize their interests and follow off after the free silver sentiment or the 'Boy Orator of the Platte.'"

I live in the largest silver-producing county in California, and assume the privilege of knowing the facts. It will be when the votes are counted after November 3, and with McKinley, sound money and protection, our country will be prosperous."

**Cradle and the Grave.**

The following births and deaths were reported at the health office during the twenty-four hours ending at noon yesterday:

**Births**—Mike Nittler, 2206 South Sixteenth, boy; C. H. Butler, 2908 Franklin, boy; T. L. Yard, 1515 Webster, boy; Henry Morris, 1210 North 11th, boy; and C. J. ...

North Nineteenth, boy; Carl Carlson, 1211  
South Fourteenth, girl.  
Deaths—James Quinlan, 8 months, 2412  
South Fifteenth, spinal meningitis, Holy  
Spulcher; David Vaigo, 1 month, 707  
Leavenworth, cholera infantum, Forest  
Lawn.